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Contrary to the USG position, the Head of Vessels at the Portuguese Institute of Ports and Shipping Jose Manuel Maciel Andrade told post that Portugal will follow the European Commission's position of having a separate international organization, the International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO), take the administrative role in both Long Range Identification and Tracking (LRIT) and in Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) augmentation instead of the International Maritime Organization (IMO). Maciel Andrade will head Portugal's delegation at the IMO's Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) meeting in Istanbul, Turkey.
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